

# EXHIBIT 51

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Dear David,

Bath has an enviable history and one that has retained its unique origins, its character.

Additions seem more complimentary than adversarial.

It's difficult for me to experience a familiarity with my early New York years.

It's the details that give the unique identity that dominate Bath, all closer to the plant and human life, of being a part of continuity and not some strange environment.

One can't walk a block in my area without some construction going on - tearing down, building a new - businesses failing, empty stores, new ones starting up.

Variety and confusion, but normal for NYC. Comic book fandom has become authoritarian.

When I did my first Question story for Charlton Press, the publisher of a leading fan magazine attacked the Question and me.

The publisher, publication would decide what was proper fiction, fantasy, certainly not any



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writer, artist or publication.  
 the anti-me crew, especially with MR. A, etc.

Wally Wood who created WITZEND wanted a  
 publication for creators to copyright their ideas,  
 creations.

The publisher who took over from Woody asked  
 me for something. I did a six pager that he  
 not only rejected but later collaborated with  
 another artist and published an attack on me  
 and MR. A.

There were editors at both Marvel and DC comics  
 — new comic book fan editors who wouldn't use  
 me and even pressured other editors not to give  
 me any assignments.

One shouldn't be surprised at the degree  
 of anti-heroes in comics today.

No. I'm not interested in the KAZLO Hammer  
 lyrics.

As a free lanceer, my focus had to be on what  
 is next, what has to be done.

The last job is history.

The movie actor Robert Mitchum was once  
 asked: "What's your favorite movie role?"

Mitchum answered: "The next one."

I saw and liked the reprint of KAZLO, but  
 I'm still drawn, focused on the next.



3/ All kinds of things positive and negative  
turn off/inspire and are acted on in various  
degree - Succeed/Fail.

It's to be expected.

No one is going to change minds that are  
unwilling to be changed, minds already set in  
their ways, direction, as the history of the  
human race continue to show.

there are human islands with dominate  
likes, beliefs in a world of instability.

And there will always choices to be made  
with no guarantees.

It's the old "one always has to pay the price."

Regards,

Steve Ditko  
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